

COA BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2006

COA Office, Sacramento, CA

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stan Arterberry called the meeting to order at 10:30AM. Members present were Helen Benjamin, Michael Bagley, Susan Carroll, Robert Deegan, Ned Doffoney, Tom Fallo, Jackie Fisher, Sr., Kathleen Hodge, Steven Kinsella, Jim Sartoris, and Lise Telson. Others in attendance were, Carlyle Carter, Debra Wheeler, and Judy Centlivre. Board members Robin Calote, Logan McKechnie, and Francisco Rodriguez were unable to attend.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- ❖ The August 24, 2006 letter from the Football Coaches Association regarding the formation of a football alliance in southern California.
- ❖ Nomination for the Disabilities Appeals Board.
- ❖ Athletics at Compton College.
- ❖ Definition of a quorum.

C. REVIEW OF JUNE 29, 2006, MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and the motion carried (MSC) to approve the June 29, 2006, meeting minutes. These are available on the COA website at http://www.coasports.org/meetings/board_mins062906.pdf.

D. REPORTS

1. **COA Board Chair Stan Arterberry** reported that he attended the conference commissioners' meeting in San Diego on August 18 with Carlyle Carter and plans to participate in as many of these meetings as possible.
2. **Executive Director Carlyle Carter** reviewed, for new members, the format of the conferences within the COA and the section of the Education Code that authorizes the existence of the COA. He also briefly reviewed the background of the City College of San Francisco lawsuit and updated members on the status of the settlement. He informed the Board that AB2165 was recently voted on and passed by the state legislature. He pointed out some of the problems with its language and noted that it will most likely be signed into law by the Governor.

Mr. Carter reported that he sought an opinion from the State Attorney General's Office on the authority granted to the COA under the State Education Code. The Attorney General's office declined to offer an official opinion however in direct communications with officials from that office, it was suggested that legislation be drafted to bolster the authority of the COA to regulate intercollegiate athletics at our community colleges. He also brought to members' attention a recent newspaper article regarding the recruitment of out of state student athletes. The Board discussed the way in which the community colleges are sometimes portrayed by the media and authorized and encouraged the Executive Director and the Board Chair to respond accordingly to provide balance to negative articles appearing in newspapers, as a reminder that to every negative story there are thousands of positive success stories.

Mr. Carter advised that he has been working with the State Chancellor's Office to conduct an Academic Performance pilot study of student athletes and expects to have the results available at the next meeting in October. It was noted that the majority of the colleges represented on the Board perform these studies and that we also need to do a comparison of the full time student athletes with the full time students not involved in athletics. Mr. Carter also noted that the COA office is conducting a review of the 2005-06 Form 3s to determine if a "problem" exists in recruiting patterns of COA members. A portion of a preliminary report was shown on overheads and Mr. Carter explained the process being used to extract information.

3. **Management Council Chair Jim Sartoris** reported that vacancies on committees are being filled. He distributed copies of the Form 5s that the Management Council will submit and to be heard in October. He reviewed each proposal and answered questions posed by other Board members.

E. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Chair Tom Fallo advised that he and the Executive Director have discussed the matter of setting up a mandatory reserve account but a recommendation as to how it should be funded is not complete. The Committee has not yet met but will do so prior to the fall conference and will have further discussion at that time.

F. LEGISLATION (Review of draft Form 5s to be submitted by the COA Board)

1. Membership Organization (CCCAA) - approved as written
2. Out-of-Season Competition - approved with recommended language changes
3. Legislative Calendar (to include establishing "official business meetings") - approved with changes
4. Compliance with Title IX for PC qualification (membership criteria) - approved as written
5. Academic and Athletic Standards Committee - approved as written (Chair will be Michael Bagley and members are Ned Doffoney and Lise Telson.)

6. Recruiting – will be addressed after the Form 3 “audit” is complete

G. 2006-07 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board approved the proposed meeting schedule and it will be posted to the COA website.

H. WOMEN’S GOLF REQUEST FOR SPORT AUGMENTATION FUNDS

It was moved, seconded, and the motion carried (MSC), with Dr. Doffoney abstaining, to approve the request for funds.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Committee Rosters

It was moved, seconded, and the motion carried (MSC), to accept the nomination of Christine Tunstall as a member of the Disabilities Appeals Board. It was noted that there are still two vacancies on that Board.

The Board revisited the issues surrounding the position of chair of the Competition Committee, noting that the Board oversees matters of policy and the Management Council deals with the operational issues. With the proposed restructuring of the Management Council, which will be considered at the October meeting, the Board deemed it appropriate that Jim Sartoris chair the Competition Committee for 2006-07. Dr. Doffoney will replace Board Chair Arterberry as chair of the Policy Committee for 2006-07.

2. Reconferencing/Modesto Jr. College

Carlyle Carter gave a brief overview of Modesto Jr. College’s request to change conferences from the Central Valley Conference to the Big Seven Conference. He reviewed a spreadsheet handout that indicated the various sports offered at the member colleges of the Central Valley Conference and how Modesto Jr. College, which offers a greater number of sports, is impacted by the imbalance. Mr. Carter noted that the Central Valley Conference will be affected negatively by a departure of the college, but he also pointed out that Modesto Jr. College has followed the process mandated to change conferences, as provided by the *Constitution and Bylaws*. He is of the opinion that the request should be approved. As was determined at the Board meeting in April, Chair Arterberry confirmed that the matter will be tabled until the October Board meeting, at which time the Executive Director will provide a summary of the events and action will be taken.

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Carlyle Carter provided copies of the letter dated August 24, 2006 from the Football Coaches Association regarding the formation of a football alliance in southern California. Mr. Carter pointed out that this is essentially creating a new conference and there is a process for doing so described in the *Constitution and Bylaws*. Jim Sartoris advised that the football coaches’

associations favor this concept and would like to see it take effect for Fall 2007. He described some of the advantages of creating such an alliance and noted that the coaches desire to have this letter begin the discussions to start the process. A review of the process followed and it was determined that the earliest a new conference could be established for a football season would be the fall of 2008. Mr. Carter pointed out that the creation of this alliance would mean that two football conferences in the south would disband, along with part of the Foothill Conference. It was recommended that the conferences affected discuss the proposal, seek approval of the presidents of the affected colleges, and complete the Form M stating that they wish to disband the present football conferences and create an alliance in Southern California similar to the NCFCA.

2. Nomination for the Disabilities Appeals Board was addressed under Item I.1.
3. The discussion of athletics at Compton College was deferred to the next meeting.
4. Definition of a quorum. Chair Arterberry recommended that in order to establish a quorum, eight (8) members of the fifteen (15)-member Board be present, and once a quorum is established, it remains for the duration of the meeting. It was moved, seconded, and the motion carried (**MSC**) to accept Chair Arterberry's recommendation. Executive Director Carlyle Carter will create a Form 5 on behalf of the Board for review at the October meeting.

J. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Friday, October 13, 2006 – COA Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza SFO, Burlingame

Wednesday, February 21, 2007, San Francisco, ACCCA Annual Convention

Friday, April 6, 2007, COA 10th Annual Convention, Southern California

Late May/early June, 2007, COA Office, Sacramento

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlyle Carter

Executive Director